

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

Location: California Department of Food and Agriculture **Contact:** Joshua Eddy, Executive Director
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MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 29, 2008

Item
No.

(1) **CALL TO ORDER**

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at approximately 9:05 a.m. Al Montna, President of the State Board of Food and Agriculture presiding.
- (b) Welcoming remarks provided by Al Montna.
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.
- (d) Welcoming of new board member Michael Darnell and CDFA Undersecretary Will Brown

(2) **ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director

Present:

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| Al Montna | Karen Ross | Arlan Van Leeuwen |
| Ashley Boren | Kerry Tucker | Craig McNamara |
| Daniel Dooley | Luawanna Hallstrom | Adan Ortega, Jr. |
| Donald Bransford | David Wehner | Thomas Deardorff II |
| Marvin Meyers | Donald Valpredo | Michael Darnell |

Absent:

All board members were present.

(3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 24, 2008**

MOTION: Board member Craig McNamara moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Board member Don Bransford seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(4) **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

Secretary A.G. Kawamura provided a departmental update covering the following issues: state budget, visit to Dixon Ridge Farms, Custom and Border Patrol, Delta Vision, Specialty Block Grant Program and a pest update.

(5) **OTHER BUSINESS**

(a) Delta Vision Committee Report

Board member Adan Ortega provided an update on the committee and asked for approval on the committee's submitted comments on the Delta Vision Plan.

MOTION: President Al Montna moved to approve the board's comment letter of September 30th on the Delta Vision Strategic Plan. Board member Don Bransford seconded the motion and unanimous vote carried the motion.

MOTION: Board member Adan Ortega moved to approve the board's comment letter of October 15th on the Delta Vision Strategic Plan. Board member Marvin Meyers seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(b) Equine Advisory Task Force

Executive Director Josh Eddy provided an update on the Equine Advisory Task Force – indicating that 11 out of 12 committee seats were filled. Executive Director Josh Eddy requested a motion to approve the Secretary's nomination of Dr. Greg Ferraro to fill the Thoroughbred Breeding and Racing vacancy on the Equine Advisory Task Force

MOTION: Executive Director Josh Eddy asked for a motion, on behalf of the Secretary, to seat Dr. Greg Ferraro to the committee. Board member Dan Dooley moved to approve. Board member Donald Valpredo seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(c) California State Board of Food and Agriculture – 2008/2009 Calendar

The Board reviewed meeting dates for the remainder of 2008 and moved to cancel the November 26, 2008 meeting to allow the Ag Vision Subcommittee to finalize framework. Further, the Board reviewed a 2009 meeting calendar and the made motion to approve with January and November date changes.

MOTION: Executive Director Josh Eddy asked for a motion to cancel to the November 26, 2008 meeting. Board member Dan Dooley moved to approve. Board member Craig McNamara seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

MOTION: Executive Director Josh Eddy asked for a motion to approve the 2009 meeting calendar with January (1/21) and November (11/18) date changes. Board member Ashley Boren moved to approve. Board member Don Valpredo seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(6) **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

The Board had a presentation by Dan Dooley, Vice President of UC ANR, on the UC ANR Strategic Planning Process.

(7) **AG VISION DISCUSSION**

An update on the Ag Vision was provided by Board member Karen Ross. Revised draft recommendations were provided to the board for discussion and comment.

MOTION: Board member Karen Ross asked for a motion to approve the long term Ag Vision framework. Board member Ashley Boren moved to approve. Board Member Don Valpredo seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

ACTION: The Ag Vision subcommittee would work with CDFA staff to develop rollout plan for the framework prior to the December 17th Board meeting.

(8) **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No Comments from the Public

(9) **CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:44 p.m.